Item	Net availability (Grams per Capita per Day)	
	1991	2000
Rice	221.7	203 J
Wheat	166.8	160.0
Coarse Foodgrains	80.0	59.0
Pulses	41.6	31.8

As it can be seen from the table above, the net per capita availability of the commodities has declined over the last decade. The production of some agricultural commodities like pulses and edible oils are inadequate to meet the domestic demand. These commodities are therefore imported to bridge the domestic demand-supply gap. However, agricultural production as a whole is sufficient to meet the needs of the country, as India is a net exporter of agricultural produce.

Loans to Agriculture Sector

†4666. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the loan given to the agriculture sector is being increased constantly during recent years;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase in the loan produced to agriculture sector each year respectively from the year 2001 to 2004;

(c) whether it is a fact that agricultural production has not increased on year to year basis despite increase made in availability of loan; and

(d) if so, the quantity of yearly agricultural production recorded during each of the said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Total ground level credit flow to the Agriculture sector has registered an increasing trend during recent years. The percentage of increase in the loan provided to agriculture sector each year respectively from the year 2001 to 2004 is given in the table below;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Year	Growth rate (%)
2000-01	14.1
2001-02	17.4
2002-03	12.1
2003-04	25.0

(c) and (d) Total foodgrain production during each of the said years *i.e.* 2000-01,2001-02,2002-03 and 2003-04 has registered an increase on year to year basis as given in the table below:

(Million tonnes)

Year	Total foodgrains production
2000-01	196.81
2001-02	212.85
2002-03*	174.77
2003-04	213.46

* There was a decline in agncultural production dunng 2002-03 due to droughl condition in many States.

Average miik Production

4667. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1089 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th March, 2005 and state:

(a) the per cattle average milk production of India;

(b) the per cattle milk production at international level; and

(c) the highest per cattle milk production in the world alongwith the name of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The per cattle milk production in India was 1024 kgs. per annum during 2003-04.